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For: CYCLOALKYL, LACTAM, )  
LACTONE AND RELATED )  
COMPOUNDS, )  
PHARMACEUTICAL )  
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING )  
SAME, AND METHODS FOR )  
INHIBITING  $\beta$ -AMYLOID PEPTIDE )  
RELEASE AND/OR ITS SYNTHESIS )  
BY USE OF SUCH COMPOUNDS )

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action mailed on April 5, 2002 (Paper No. 7), please amend the instant application as indicated below. A Petition requesting a three-month extension of time accompanies this Response, which is being filed on or before its now-current due date of October 7, 2002 (October 5, 2002, being a Saturday).

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph bridging Pages 156-157 to read as follows:

--Unless otherwise constrained by the definition for the aryl substituent, such aryl groups can optionally be substituted with from 1 to 5, and preferably 1 to 3, substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, acyl, acyloxy, alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkyl, substituted alkoxy, substituted alkenyl, substituted alkynyl,

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